

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on February 23, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 20, 2/19/2007  
Executive Action: SJ 20, SB 223, SB 513, SB 473, SB 311, SB 313

00:25:49 Chairman Lind

**HEARING ON SJ 20**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:25 **SEN. MIKE COONEY (D)**, SD 40, opened the hearing on **SJ 20**, Carbon reduction timeline.

**Proponents:**

00:29:20 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:31:44 Chuck McGraw, Montana Renewable Resources

00:34:05 Mark Lambrecht, PPL Montana, LLC

**EXHIBIT(nas41b01)**

00:34:55 Diago Rivas, Montanans for a Healthy Climate

**EXHIBIT(nas41b02)**

00:37:43 Sterling Miller, Ph.D., Senior Wildlife Biologist, National Wildlife Federation

**EXHIBIT(nas41b03)**

00:39:46 Rev. Margie Vardemann, Montana Federation of Churches

00:40:37 Matt Leow, MontPIRG

**EXHIBIT(nas41b04)**

00:44:25 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:45:33 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Cooney

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:25 Sen. Cooney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 20

00:48:14 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved SJ 20. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 223

00:49:23 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 223 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:50:02 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that AMENDMENT SB022302.AKL BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT (nas41b05)

Discussion:

00:50:59 Joe Kolman, LSD

00:53:15 **Vote:** Motion that AMENDMENT SB-22301.AKL BE ADOPTED carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:53:38 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 223 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:54:05 Sen. Gebhardt

00:54:28 Sen. Tropila to John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:58:36 Sen. Lind to John Tubbs, DNRC

00:59:21 Sen. Lind to Sen. Jim Peterson

01:00:26 Sen. Lind to John Tubbs, DNRC

01:11:40 Sen. Tash to John Tubbs, DNRC

01:13:39 Sen. Gebhardt to John Tubbs, DNRC

01:18:21 Sen. Lind to John Tubbs, DNRC

01:19:36 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT CALLED THE QUESTION ON SB 223.

Discussion:

01:19:48 Sen. Lind to Sen. Peterson

01:23:58 **Vote:** Motion that SB 223 DO PASS AS AMENDED carried 5-4 by roll call vote with SEN. KAUFMANN, SEN. LIND, SEN. TROPILA, and SEN. WANZENRIED voting no. SEN. KAUFMANN and SEN. WANZENRIED voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 513

01:25:52 **Motion:** SEN. TROPILA moved that SB 513 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:26:09 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 513 BE TABLED. Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with SEN. HARRINGTON, SEN. KAUFMANN, and SEN. WANZENRIED voting no. SEN. KAUFMANN, SEN. WANZENRIED, and SEN. LIND voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 473

01:27:35 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 473 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:27:55 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:29:36 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that AMENDMENT SB047301.AJK BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT (nas41b06)

Discussion:

01:32:07 Sen. Curtiss

01:33:16 **Motion:** SEN. CURTISS moved that AMENDMENT #3 to SB 473 BE ADOPTED.

Discussion:

01:34:03 Sen. Gebhardt

01:35:29 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that AMENDMENT #3 BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:36:50 **Vote:** Motion that AMENDMENT SB047301.AJK BE ADOPTED carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:37:21 **Motion:** SEN. PERRY moved that SB 473 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

01:40:24 Sen. Lind

01:42:24 Sen. Gebhardt

01:42:29 Sen. Tash

01:45:45 **Vote:** Motion that SB 473 DO PASS AS AMENDED carried 7-2 by roll call vote with SEN. GEBHARDT and SEN. TASH voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 311**

01:46:58 Joe Kolman, LSD

[\*\*EXHIBIT\*\*](#)(nas41b07)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\*\*](#)(nas41b08)

01:48:32 **Motion:** SEN. TASH moved that SB 311 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

01:50:26 Sen. Gebhardt

01:51:20 Sen. Tash

01:52:10 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 311 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 313**

01:59:15 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that SB 313 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

01:59:23 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that AMENDMENT  
SB031301.ASL BE ADOPTED.

**EXHIBIT** (nas41b09)

**Discussion:**

01:59:49 Joe Kolman, LSD

02:02:28 Sen. Gebhardt

02:06:13 Sen. Tash to David Hoffman, PPL Montana, LLC

02:08:35 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. TROPILA moved that SB 313 BE TABLED.  
Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. WANZENRIED  
voting no.

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**Discussion:**

02:10:17 Sen. Lind

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

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SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

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CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([nas41bad.pdf](#))**